



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2011-0244 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 6, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0228 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Liberty Bank/Groton Rotary - \$9,461.48 - Social Services Discretionary

Darelene Woodward - \$5.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Various Donations - \$165.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistant Program

Groton Public Library Circle of Friends - \$1,500 - Library Miscellaneous

Elinor Fillion - \$125.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Elinor Fillion in honor of John Fuhrmeister - \$90.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Robert Ashworth - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Cardinal Honda - \$305.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic Lions - \$1,000.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Union Baptist Church - \$450.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Susan McMillan - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Pfizer - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Mystic Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center - \$50.00 - DARE Miscellaneous
 Paul and Carla Henschel - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 J. Dempsey Associates - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Ann Parchman - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church - \$145.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Wireless Zone - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Various Donations - \$158.32 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton - \$544.35 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Suisman, Shapiro, Wool, Brennan, Gray & Greenberg, P.C. - \$2,000.00 - Social Services Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2011-0220	Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant	Referral
2011-0226	Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District	Referral
2011-0227	Amended Resolution for Connecticut Dial-a-Ride Grant	Referral
2011-0229	Presentation by Children First Groton	Referral
2011-0230	Establishment of Town Council Committees and Regular Meeting Schedules	Referral
2011-0239	Flanders Road Landfill Solar Opportunity Discussion	Referral
2011-0241	Adoption of 2012 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2011-0242	Adoption of 2012 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2011-0243	Adoption of 2012 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2011-0246	Appointments to Liaison Committee with the Board of Education	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax**g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter****h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas****i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers****IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****X. NEW BUSINESS****2011-0220 Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant****Referral****RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT**

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s, as amended by Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 establishes the Regional Performance Incentive Program to fund projects or studies designed to provide cost saving services to municipalities on a regional basis, and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), of which the Town of Groton is a member, has identified three potential projects to benefit the 20 SCCOG municipalities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council endorses the Regional Performance Incentive Program referenced in Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth) and the proposals, submitted by the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), as follows:

- Preparation of a comprehensive plan and a model for shared services, equipment, and staff by all 20 SCCOG municipalities
- Creation of a digital index of town clerk maps in all 20 SCCOG municipalities
- SCCOG municipalities joining the Capitol Region Council of Governments on-line permitting system

It is hereby certified that there are no legal obstacles to providing the proposed services regionally, including, but not limited to, binding arbitration.

Legislative History

11/21/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2011-0226 Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District**Referral****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FOR THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Ledge Light Health District can apply for a Local Prevention Council grant in the amount of \$5,675, and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used by the Groton Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP) Coalition for programs designed to reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs in the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign the Local

Prevention Council Grant Application in the amount of \$5,675 for Ledge Light Health District.

Legislative History

12/1/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0227	Amended Resolution for Connecticut Dial-a-Ride Grant		Referral

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FOR A GRANT FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2011, the Town Council approved resolution #2011-0045 authorizing Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to execute all necessary Agreement/Contract documents with the State Department of Transportation for the Dial-A-Ride grant, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has requested that the authorizing resolution delete any reference to the actual grant dollars available because that number has changed since the original approval, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger was authorized on March 1, 2011 and continues to be authorized to execute all necessary Agreement/Contract documents on behalf of the Town of Groton with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut and to affix the corporate seal, for the Dial-A-Ride grant for transportation services for elderly and disabled persons.

Legislative History

12/1/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0230	Establishment of Town Council Committees and Regular Meeting Schedules		Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND CONCURRING WITH THE MAYOR'S ASSIGNMENTS

RESOLVED, that the committees of the 28th Town Council shall be as follows:

Committee of the Whole - Chairperson Heather Somers

Group I

Personnel, Appointments, Rules and Legislation - Chairperson Bruce Flax

Finance - Chairperson Frank O'Beirne

Education/Health and Social Services - Chairperson Harry Watson

Environment/Energy - Chairperson Deborah Peruzzotti

Group II

Public Works/Recreation - Chairperson Dean Antipas

Community and Cultural Development - Chairperson Rita Schmidt

Public Safety - Chairperson James Streeter

Economic Development - Chairperson William Johnson

Legislative History

12/2/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2011-0241 Adoption of 2012 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2012 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Committee of the Whole regular meeting schedule for 2012 as follows:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 (Special Meeting)
Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Tuesday, July 10, 2012
Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Tuesday, August 14, 2012
Tuesday, August 28, 2012

Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in Community Room 1, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month, except in December when there is one meeting due to the Christmas holiday.

Legislative History

**12/13/2011 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution**

2011-0242 Adoption of 2012 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2012 GROUP I COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group I Committees regular meeting schedule for 2012 as follows:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 (Special Meeting)

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room 1, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, on the Second Tuesday of each month.

Legislative History

	12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0243		Adoption of 2012 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule		Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2012 GROUP II COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group II Committees regular meeting schedule for 2012 as follows:

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room 1, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, on the Fourth Tuesday of each month, except in December when there is no meeting due to the Christmas holiday.

Legislative History

12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0246	Appointments to Liaison Committee with the Board of Education		Referral

APPOINTMENTS TO LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLVED, that Councilors Bruce Flax, Harry Watson, and Deborah Peruzzotti are hereby appointed to the Liaison Committee with the Board of Education.

Legislative History

12/13/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT